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[REDACTED] the NCO school battalion, 1
[REDACTED] at Drawsko (Dramburg, N 53-32, E 15-48)
[REDACTED] participated in a seven-day tactical exercise which also
involved army units of the Second Military District and the Wroclaw
Military District. The Drawsko training area, an area of about 25 sq
km.,² was utilized during the exercise.

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[REDACTED] the exercise was on an
army level, and [REDACTED] its operations were conducted by Marshal Rokosso-
wski, the Minister of National Defense.

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2. The force of the Second Military District was called Army N (Armia N).
[REDACTED] the letter N may have stood for Niemieccialaka
(translated as enemy).

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[REDACTED] the Second Military District force was composed of an uniden-
tified infantry division from Szczecin (Stettin), the 9th Ind Med Tk

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Regt, the 39th Mecz Inf Regt, and unidentified antiaircraft, antitank, reconnaissance, and engineer units.

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During the exercise,

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companies of the NCO school battalion were assigned to various other units of the Second Military District's forces.

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3. During the first three days of the exercise, at which time the opposing forces were supposedly some distance away and slowly approaching their positions, [redacted] company selected, dug, and camouflaged trenches and gun emplacements, and parked and camouflaged the vehicles in a nearby wooded area. 25X1
4. Contact was made with the enemy forces during the fourth day. [redacted] company defended their positions and fired blank ammunition at the advancing forces. On one occasion the enemy forces used smoke pots to simulate a gas attack. During the hours of darkness, both forces sent out combat and reconnaissance patrols and often attempted to capture prisoners. Blackouts were practiced during the hours of darkness. 25X1
5. On the fifth day, [redacted] company withdrew from their defensive positions on orders and used vehicles to move and occupy previously selected and prepared positions several kilometers to their rear. 25X1
6. On the sixth day, the enemy utilized about 25 PAF planes, which were described as single-engine fighters and twin-engine bombers, and simulated an air attack by dropping powder-filled bags on the defending troops.
7. The seventh day was used to withdraw the troops to their bivouac areas. All the officers [redacted] attended an officers' critique, which was held some distance away [redacted] generally all troops involved failed to advance properly and to use camouflage effectively; they had also frequently exposed themselves to the enemy. In addition, [redacted] an unknown number of troops from the 39th Mecz Inf Regt had hastily retreated during the enemy's tank assault on their positions. Some troops had used empty cartridges as pellets when firing blank ammunition and had injured some of the troops during assaults. 25X1
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8. During the exercise, it was rumored among EM that Marshal Rokossowski had landed at a nearby airfield and personally witnessed the troops' behaviour during assaults. [redacted] 25X1
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9. [redacted] an unknown number of Polish military officers were designated as umpires and that one umpire was assigned to each company. For identification, umpires wore white cloth bands on their left arms as well as around their cap bands. 25X1
10. [redacted] some units using horses to draw field equipment and weapons. [redacted] these were units of the unidentified infantry division from Szczecin. 25X1
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11. During the exercises, troops were fed three times a day from battalion and/or company field kitchens, which were set up about two kilometers to their rear. [redacted] troops [redacted] were sent individually to the kitchen for their rations. Packaged or field rations were not issued to any of the troops. [redacted] 25X1
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